(c) what is the estimated loss incurred by SAIL during the last six months at Kanpur and Delhi due to poor performance of the handling agents?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI ASHOKE KUMAR SEN) (a) Steel Authority of India Ltd, has not suffered any financial loss at Kanpur/Delhi Stockyard due to poor performance of the present handling contractors.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

लाइसेंस-शुदा औद्योगिक घरानों द्वारा निर्यात

928. **श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उन औद्योगिक घरानो ने, जिन्हें सरकार ने इस शर्त पर आयात लाइसेंस दिये थे कि वे अपने उत्पादन का एक भाग निर्यात करेंगे, पिछले दो वर्षों और चालू वर्ष के दौरान उस निर्दिष्ट शर्त को पूरा किया है ;

(ख) पिछले पांच वर्षों मे उपर्युक्त घरानो में से प्रत्येक को कितनी-कितनी धनराशि की आयात सुविधा प्रदान की गई थी तथा उनके द्वारा निर्यात किए गए माल और उसके मूल्य का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उन घरानो के, जिन्होंने निर्धारित शर्त को पूरा नही किया है, आयात लाइसेंस/परमिट रद्द कर दिये हैं, यदि हा, तो उन औद्योगिक घरानों के नाम क्या है और उनके लाइसेंस/परमिट को कब रद्द किया गया था तथा यदि ऐसे घरानो के विरुद्ध ऐसी कोई कार्यवाही नही की गई है, तो इसके क्या कारण है ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री शांतिलाल पुरुषोत्तमदास पटेल): (क) से (ग) अपेक्षित जानकारी क्षेत्रीय लाइसेंसिंग प्राधिकारियों से एकत्र की जा रही है और प्राप्त होने पर उसे सभा पटल पर रख दिया जाएगा।

Revenue Secretary's comments on the functioning of tax departments

929 SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri R. L. Mishra, Revenue Secretary, while addressing the All India Convention of the Indian Revenue Service Association at New Delhi on 16-7-90 commented that the tax department was a non Plan head, and that there was always a gap between the department's needs and the real allocation for the department by Government and also under lined the need to evolve an Action Plan for the welfare of tax officials, and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) It is a fact that Shri R L Mishra, formerly Secretary (Revenue) had addressed the All India Convention of the Indian Revenue Service Association at New Delhi on 16-7-90 No official record of this convention has been kept as it was not an official function.

Objectives of Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nigam

930. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the objectives, functions, financial|promotional services, etc. of Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nigam Promoted by IFCI;

(b) what forms of financial assistance are being offered by the institution category-wise; and

(c) what are the names and addresses of the authorities|offices of Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nigam, region-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Rashtriya Gramin Vikas Nigam, sponsored by the Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) has been set up as a society at Guwahati, Assam on the 20th April, 1990 under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. RGVN is a non-profit making organisation set up mainly for the purpose of promoting, supporting and developing voluntary organisations engaged in the social and economic upliftment of the rural and urban poor, and physically and socio-economically handicapped persons.

RGVN's operating strategy is to identify grass-root agencies in the North-East, assess their work, and develop action plans and programmes to strengthen their operations through technical, financial and managerial support. The aim is ultimately to help the Voluntary Agencies to take up total development programmes related to the upgradation of the quality of life of the target population. The entry point is via income-generating activities such as animal husbandry, agriculture, weaving, spinning, handicrafts, etc.

To begin with RGVN has strated providing funds support for carrying out or improving the income generating activities of the existing voluntary agencies in the North-Eastern Region which possessed the potential for productive growth and diversification

(b) RGVN provides assistance to the eligible voluntary agencies in any one or both of the following forms·

—Grant for fixed capital investment| working capital requirement.

—Interest-free term loans for capital investment with service charge of 6 per cent p.a.

(c) RGVN has been operating from its office at Rajgarh Road, Guwahati only. Its Board consists of 13 Members including its Executive Director. Prof. Rahul Bhimjiani is the Executive Director of RGVN looking after its day-to-day operations and assisted by a nucleus group of multi-disciplinary professionals with a track record of professional competence. Shri S. M. Palia is the Chairman of RGVN

Risk Capital and Technology Corporation Ltd.

931. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Risk Capital and Technology Corporation Ltd. sponsored by IFCI formulated scheme of technology finance and development of small sector to promote initiatives in such areas where the availability of conventional finance for them is generally restricted;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, what are the names of the projects|items for which RCTC extended financial packages|assistance under this scheme to small sector and the names and addresses of the beneficiaries and the amount sanctioned, project-wise, and

(c) what are the norms and attractive terms laid down by the RCTC for financial assistance for such ventures|projects in the small sector?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH). (a) to (c) The Risk Capital and Technology Finance Corporation Ltd. has formulated a scheme of Technology Finance and Development for commercialisation of technology efforts. This scheme is not restricted to the small scale sector. The scheme is intended to